A LETTER AND DECLARATION

Of the Gentry of the County of NORFOLK, and the County of the City of NORWICH, To his Excellency the Lord GENERALL *MONK*.

Right Honourable,

WEe the Gentry of the County of *Norfolk*, and of the County and City of *Norwich*, do cordially rejoyce, with many others of theſe Counties, and of the Nation, for your Excellencies return into your Na tive Countrey with honour and ſafety: And that the late Differences in the Armies are now ſo happily compoſed without blood-ſhed; We are deſirous to bleſſe our good God for theſe mercies, and to acquaint your Lordſhip, That we have ſignified the Reſentment of our grievances to the Speaker of the Parliament; A true Copie whereof we have here incloſed, ſent to your Excellency, leaſt any perſons ſhould in our abſence miſ-repreſent us or our intentions to your Lordſhip: We reſt.

The Declaration.

WE the Gentry of the County of *Norfolk*, and County and City of *Norwich*, Being deeply affected with the ſence of our ſad Diſtractions and Diviſions, both in Church and State; And wearied with the Miſeries of an unnaturall Civil War, The too frequent Interruptions of Government, the Impoſitions of ſeverall heavy Taxes, And the loud out-cryes of multitudes of undone and almoſt famiſhed people, occaſioned by a generall decay of Trade, which hath ſpread it ſelf throughout the whole Nation, and theſe Counties in particular; And having met together and conſulted what may beſt remedy and remove Our and the Nations preſent greivances and Diſtractions; Do humbly conceive, That the chief Expedient, will be, the Recalling of thoſe Members that were ſecluded in 1648. and ſate before the Force put upon the Parliament (We of this County of *Norfolk*, being by ſuch Seclusion deprived of any perſon to repreſent us in Parliament) and alſo by filling up the vacant places thereof; And all to be admitted without any Oath or Engagement, previous to their Entrance; Which being done, We ſhall be ready to acquieſce and ſubmit in all things to the Judgment and Authority of Parliament; Without which Authority, the People of *England* cannot be obliged to pay any Taxes.

The Letter to Generall *MONK*, and this Declaration was ſigned by

Thomas Lord *Richardſon.*
John Hobart.
Horatio Townesend.
John Aſteley.
Wil. Hewitt.
John Palgrave.
Thomas Berney.
Wil. Rant.
Adrian Parmenter.
Edmund Burman.
John Rawley.
Henry Watts.
John Maum.
John Andrewes.
John Salter.
Edmond Bacon.
N. Le Strange.
Thomas Pettus.
Wil. Doyley.
Thomas Guybon.
John Windham.
James De Grey.
Butts Bacon.
Thomas Rant.
Chr. Jay.
Joſeph Payne.
Rob. Bendiſh.
Richard Wenman.
John Laurence.
Thomas Wiſſe.
Philip Woodhouſe.
Ralph Heure.
John Tracy.
Arthur Jenny.
Auguſtin Sotherton.
John Buxton.
Francis Norris.
Thomas Johnſon.
Thomas Le Gros.
John Hovile.
Richard Catelyne.
Suck. Jay.
Rob. Suckling.
Samuel Smith.
Rob. Holmes.

With many hundreds more of the Knights, Gentry, Citizens, and Freee-holders.

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